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DESCENDANTS OF DR. WILLIAM SHIPPEN.

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On page cxxxv of "Letters and Papers relating chiefly to the Provincial History of Pennsylvania, with some Notices of the Writers," the editor, Mr. Balch, after referring to a preceding page on which he gives only the parentage and date of birth, remarks: "Of Dr. William Shippen I have no further information than such as is already in print." The following table of Dr. Shippen's descendants has been prepared to supply the omission, and to correct the confusion which has arisen from Lanman (Dictionary of Congress), Alexander (History of Princeton College), and others having confounded the elder Dr. Wm. Shippen with his son Dr. Wm. Shippen, Jr.

William Shippen,
of Hilham, Yorkshire, England.

Edward Shippen, emigrated to Boston, Mass., 1669, and removed to Philadelphia, 1693. = Elizabeth Lybrand, first wife.

Joseph Shippen = Abigail Gross, first wife.

Dr. William Shippen,[1] youngest son born Philadelphia, Oct. 1, 1712, married Sept. 19, 1735,[4] died Germantown, Nov. 4, 1801.[7] He early applied himself to medicine, and soon attained eminence in his profession.[10]. He was one of the founders of the Second Presbyterian Church, 1742; a member of the first Board of Trustees of the College and Academy of Philadelphia, 1749; one of the founders and many years a Trustee of the College of New Jersey; Physician to the Pennsylvania Hospital, 1753–78.[12] Vice-President of the American Philosophical Society, 1768;[7] elected member of the Continental Congress, Nov. 16, 1778,[14] and re-elected Nov. 13, 1779,[14] and throughout both terms was most constant in his attendance.[13] = Susannah, eldest daughter of Joseph Harrison, of Philadelphia, by his wife Katherine Noble, born Philadelphia, June 30, 1711; died between June 4, 1774, and Jan. 10, 1775.[21]

Prof. William Shippen,[1] M.D., born Philadelphia, Oct. 21, 1736;[3] married in London[8] circa 1760; died Germantown, July 11, 1808.[7 & 9] Graduated at College of New Jersey, 1754,[15] delivering the Valedictory for that year. Studied with his father till 1758,[10] when he went to England and studied anatomy under Dr. John Hunter, and midwifery under Drs. Wm. Hunter and McKenzie.[16] Graduated M.D. of the University of Edinburgh, 1761, and after a short visit to France returned to Philadelphia in May, 1762.[10] On Nov. 16, 1762,[7] he commenced the first course of lectures on anatomy delivered in America. The introductory was given at the State House.[7] He continued to lecture on Anatomy and Midwifery until Sept. 23, 1765, he was elected Prof. of Anatomy and Surgery in the Medical School of the College of Philadelphia,[7] of which he was the founder. On July 15, 1776, he was appointed "Chief Physician for the Flying Camp."[13] In March, 1777, he laid before Congress a plan for the organization of a Hospital Department, which, with some modifications, was adopted,[13] and on April 11, 1777, he was unanimously elected "Director General of all the Military Hospitals for the Armies of the United States;" he resigned Jan. 3, 1781.[13] On the reorganization of the College of Philadelphia as the University of Pennsylvania, he was elected May 11, 1780, Prof. of Anatomy, Surgery, and Midwifery; he resigned in 1806.[11] He was one of the originators of the College of Physicians, 1787, and President 1805, till his death.[18] = Alice, youngest daughter of Col. Thomas Lee, Gov. of the Province of Virginia, by his wife Hannah Ludwell, and sister of Richard Henry, Henry Lightfoot, and Arthur Lee, born in Virginia, June 4, 1736,[19] died in Philadelphia, March 25, 1817.[9]

Joseph W. Shippen,[1] born Philadelphia, Oct. 17, 1737;[3] died, unmarried, at Oxford, Sussex Co. N.J., Sept. 13, 1795.[7]

John Shippen, M.D., born Philadelphia, Jan. 23, 1740,[3] o.s.; graduated at Coll. N. J., 1758;[15] studied under his father, and afterwards at the University of Rheims,[15] Fr., where he received his degree of M.D. Soon after his return he commenced, April 5, 1770, a course of lectures on Fossils,[7] etc. He died unmarried, Baltimore, Md., Nov. 26, 1770.[7]

Susanna,[1] born Philadelphia, Oct. 23, 1743, married at Abington, Ct., Sept. 24, 1769,[6] died Germantown, Oct. 12, 1821.[7] = Rev. Samuel Blair, D. D., son of the Rev. Samuel Blair, by his wife Frances Van Hook, born in Chester Co., Penna., 1741, died in Germantown, Sept. 23, 1818. Graduated at the College of New Jersey, 1760, and was a tutor there 1761–4; licensed to preach 1764; installed Pastor of the Old South Church, Boston, Mass., September, 1766; resigned Oct. 10, 1769. Elected President of the College of New Jersey, but declined in order to secure the election of Dr. Witherspoon, 1767. Resided in Germantown, 1769, till his death.[20]

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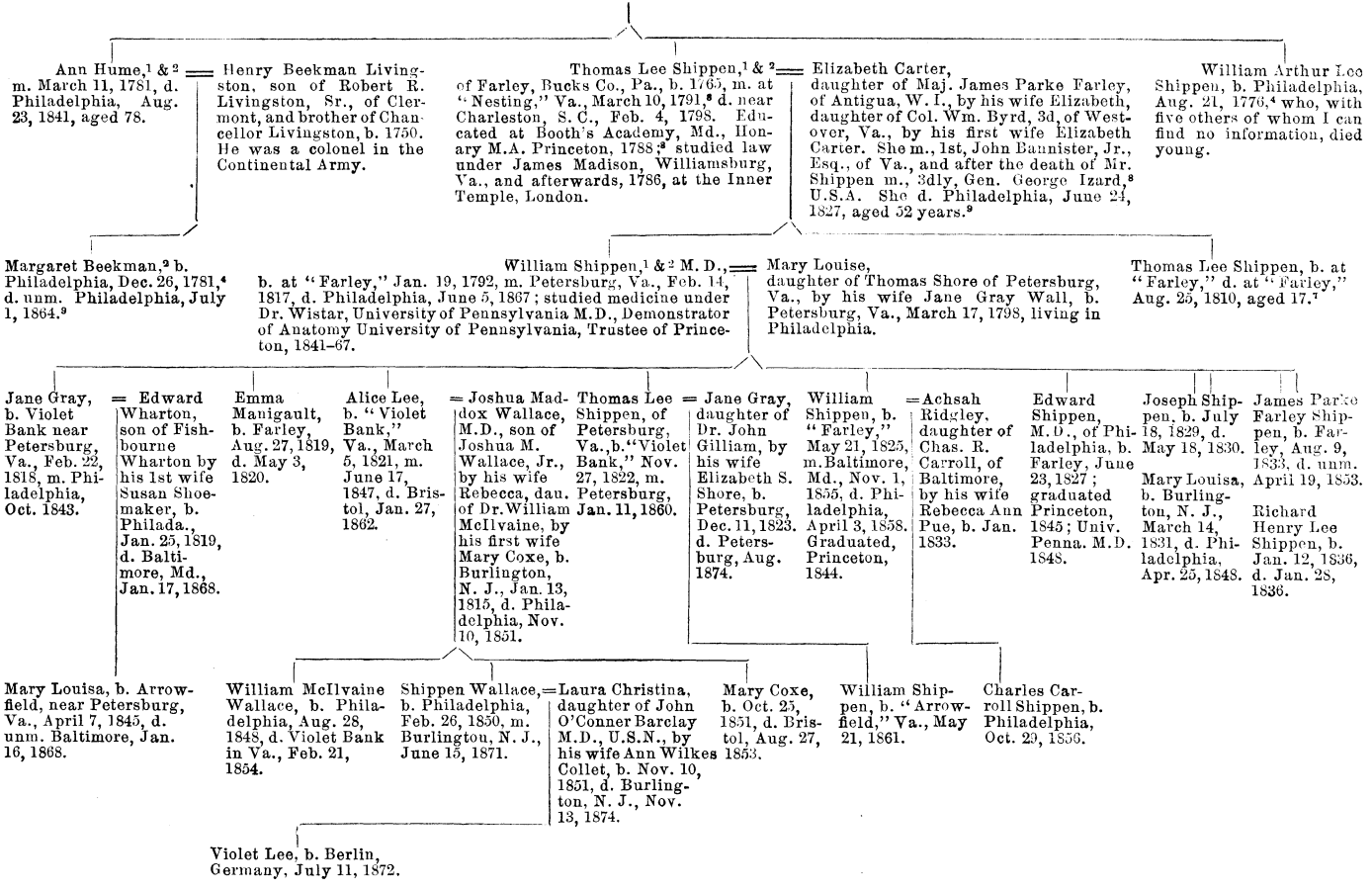
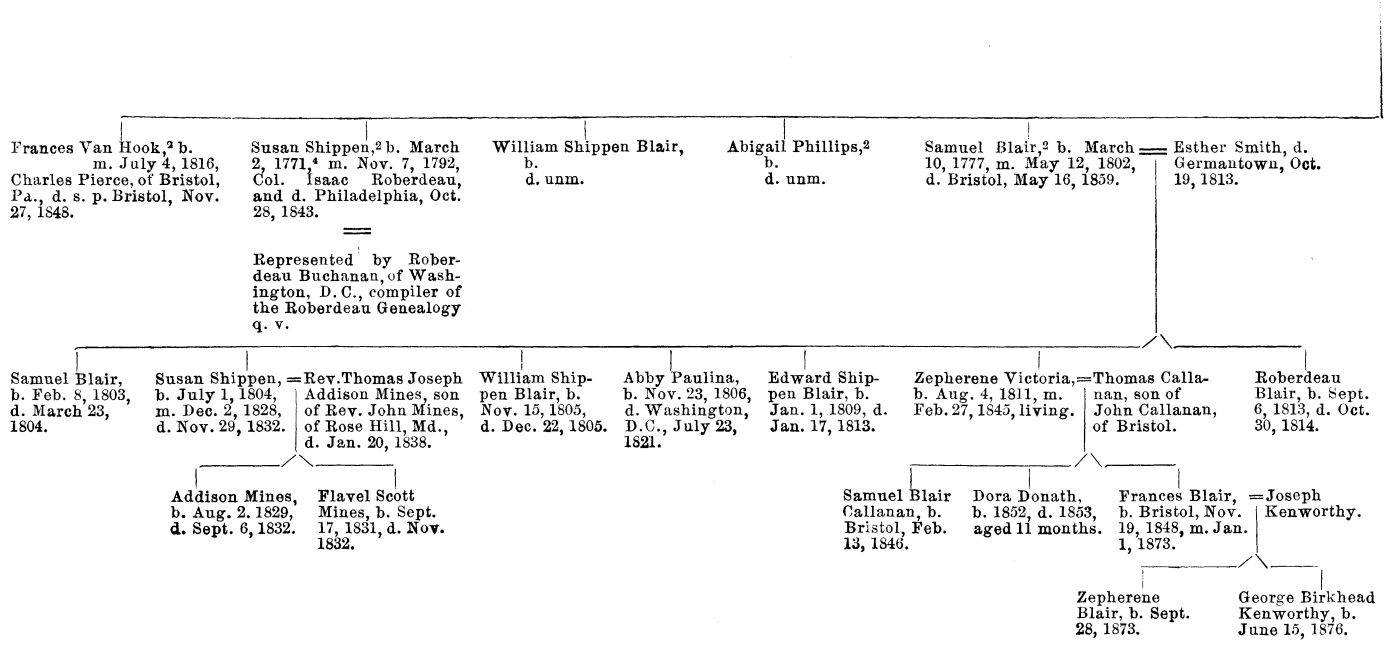

Ann Hume,[1] & [2] m. March 11, 1781, d. Philadelphia, Aug. 23, 1841, aged 78.
Henry Beekman Livingston, son of Robert R. Livingston, Sr., of Clermont, and brother of Chancellor Livingston, b. 1750. He was a colonel in the Continental Army.
Thomas Lee Shippen,[1] & [2] of Farley, Bucks Co., Pa., b. 1765, m. at "Nesting," Va., March 10, 1791,[6] d. near Charleston, S. C., Feb. 4, 1798. Educated at Booth's Academy, Md., Honary M.A. Princeton, 1788;[3] studied law under James Madison, Williamsburg, Va., and afterwards, 1786, at the Inner Temple, London.
Elizabeth Carter, daughter of Maj. James Parke Farley, of Antigua, W. I., by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Col. Wm. Byrd, 3d, of Westover, Va., by his first wife Elizabeth Carter. She m., 1st, John Bannister, Jr., Esq., of Va., and after the death of Mr. Shippen m., 3dly, Gen. George Izard,[8] U.S.A. She d. Philadelphia, June 24, 1827, aged 52 years.[9]
William Arthur Lee Shippen, b. Philadelphia, Aug. 21, 1776,[4] who, with five others of whom I can find no information, died young.
Margaret Beekman,[2] b. Philadelphia, Dec. 26, 1781,[4] d. unm. Philadelphia, July 1, 1864.[9]
William Shippen,[1] & [2] M. D., b. at "Farley," Jan. 19, 1792, m. Petersburg, Va., Feb. 14, 1817, d. Philadelphia, June 5, 1867; studied medicine under Dr. Wistar, University of Pennsylvania M.D., Demonstrator of Anatomy University of Pennsylvania, Trustee of Princeton, 1841–67.
Mary Louise, daughter of Thomas Shore of Petersburg, Va., by his wife Jane Gray Wall, b. Petersburg, Va., March 17, 1798, living in Philadelphia.
Thomas Lee Shippen, b. at "Farley," d. at "Farley," Aug. 25, 1810, aged 17.[7]
Jane Gray, b. Violet Bank near Petersburg, Va., Feb. 22, 1818, m. Philadelphia, Oct. 1843.
Edward Wharton, son of Fishbourne Wharton by his 1st wife Susan Shoemaker, b. Philada., Jan. 25, 1819, d. Baltimore, Md., Jan. 17, 1868.
Emma Manigault, b. Farley, Aug. 27, 1819, d. May 3, 1820.
Alice Lee, b. "Violet Bank," Va., March 5, 1821, m. June 17, 1847, d. Bristol, Jan. 27, 1862.
Joshua Maddox Wallace, M.D., son of Joshua M. Wallace, Jr., by his wife Rebecca, dau. of Dr. William McIlvaine, by his first wife Mary Coxe, b. Burlington, N. J., Jan. 13, 1815, d. Philadelphia, Nov. 10, 1851.
Thomas Lee Shippen, of Petersburg, Va., b. "Violet Bank," Nov. 27, 1822, m. Petersburg, Jan. 11, 1860.
Jane Gray, daughter of Dr. John Gilliam, by his wife Elizabeth S. Shore, b. Petersburg, Dec. 11, 1823. d. Petersburg, Aug. 1874.
William Shippen, b. "Farley," May 21, 1825, m. Baltimore, Md., Nov. 1, 1855, d. Philadelphia, April 3, 1858. Graduated, Princeton, 1844.
Achsah Ridgley, daughter of Chas. R. Carroll, of Baltimore, by his wife Rebecca Ann Pue, b. Jan. 1833.
Edward Shippen, M.D., of Philadelphia, b. Farley, June 23, 1827; graduated Princeton, 1845; Univ. Penna. M.D. 1848.
Joseph Shippen, b. July 18, 1829, d. May 18, 1830.
Mary Louisa, b. Burlington, N. J., March 14, 1831, d. Philadelphia, Apr. 25, 1848.
James Parke Farley Shippen, b. Farley, Aug. 9, 1833, d. unm. April 19, 1853.
Richard Henry Lee Shippen, b. Jan. 12, 1836, d. Jan. 28, 1836.
Mary Louisa, b. Arrowfield, near Petersburg, Va., April 7, 1845, d. unm. Baltimore, Jan. 16, 1868.
William McIlvaine Wallace, b. Philadelphia, Aug. 28, 1848, d. Violet Bank in Va., Feb. 21, 1854.
Shippen Wallace, b. Philadelphia, Feb. 26, 1850, m. Burlington, N. J., June 15, 1871.
Laura Christina, daughter of John O'Conner Barclay M.D., U.S.N., by his wife Ann Wilkes Collet, b. Nov. 10, 1851, d. Burlington, N. J., Nov. 13, 1874.
Mary Coxe, b. Oct. 25, 1851, d. Bristol, Aug. 27, 1853.
William Shippen, b. "Arrowfield," Va., May 21, 1861.
Charles Carroll Shippen, b. Philadelphia, Oct. 29, 1856.
Violet Lee, b. Berlin, Germany, July 11, 1872.


Frances Van Hook,[2] b. m. July 4, 1816, Charles Pierce, of Bristol, Pa., d. s. p. Bristol, Nov. 27, 1848.
Susan Shippen,[2] b. March 2, 1771,[4] m. Nov. 7, 1792, Col. Isaac Roberdeau, and d. Philadelphia, Oct. 28, 1843.
Represented by Roberdeau Buchanan, of Washington, D. C., compiler of the Roberdeau Genealogy q. v.
William Shippen Blair, b. d. unm.
Abigail Phillips,[2] b. d. unm.
Samuel Blair,[2] b. March 10, 1777, m. May 12, 1802, d. Bristol, May 16, 1859.
Esther Smith, d. Germantown, Oct. 19, 1813.
Samuel Blair, b. Feb. 8, 1803, d. March 23, 1804.
Susan Shippen, b. July 1, 1804, m. Dec. 2, 1828, d. Nov. 29, 1832.
Rev. Thomas Joseph Addison Mines, son of Rev. John Mines, of Rose Hill, Md., d. Jan. 20, 1838.
William Shippen Blair, b. Nov. 15, 1805, d. Dec. 22, 1805.
Abby Paulina, b. Nov. 23, 1806, d. Washington, D.C., July 23, 1821.
Edward Shippen Blair, b. Jan. 1, 1809, d. Jan. 17, 1813.
Zepherene Victoria, b. Aug. 4, 1811, m. Feb. 27, 1845, living.
Thomas Callanan, son of John Callanan, of Bristol.
Roberdeau Blair, b. Sept. 6, 1813, d. Oct. 30, 1814.
Addison Mines, b. Aug. 2. 1829, d. Sept. 6, 1832.
Flavel Scott Mines, b. Sept. 17, 1831, d. Nov. 1832.
Samuel Blair Callanan, b. Bristol, Feb. 13, 1846.
Dora Donath, b. 1852, d. 1853, aged 11 months.
Frances Blair, b. Bristol, Nov. 19, 1848, m. Jan. 1, 1873.
Joseph Kenworthy.
Zepherene Blair, b. Sept. 28, 1873.
George Birkhead Kenworthy, b. June 15, 1876.